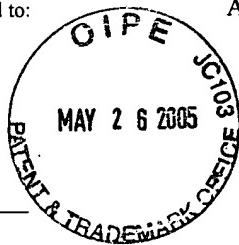


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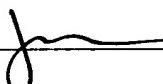
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005, please enter the following amendments and group election below. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.